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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE AND STATEMENT REGARDING COMPUTER READABLE FORM OF SEQUENCE LISTING

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notification of Defective Response dated December 5, 2006 (hereinafter "Notification"). The date for responding to the Notification expires on January 5, 2007.

The Notification states that the content of the previously filed Sequence Listing does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.822 and/or 1.823 as a result of formatting problems and lacking field <223> information. Enclosed is a substitute Sequence Listing in .txt format and written format. Providing the sequence as a .txt file resolves the formatting problem and appropriate field <223> entries have been provided.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.821(f), the undersigned hereby states the sequence listing information recorded in the computer readable form submitted herewith is identical to the written (paper) sequence listing also enclosed. No new matter has been added.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 41348.

Respectfully submitted,

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